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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 09023

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

E.O. 22652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, MILI, RP

SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE AIRLINE EMERGENCY LANDING AT

- CLARK AB

REF: 13THAF 300900Z MAY 78 (NOTAL)

1. ON MAY 29 A PHILIPPINE AIRLINE (PAL) DOMESTIC
AIRCRAFT WITH 47 PASSENGERS LANDED AT CLARK AB BECAUSE
THE MANILA AIRPORT WAS CLOSED BY RAIN AND THE AIRCRAFT
WAS LOW ON FUEL.

2. UPON ANDING AT CLARK THE PAL COMMANDER REQUESTED
FUEL AND WAS ADVISED THAT UNDER USAF REGULATIONS, CASH
PAYMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED BEFORE THE AIRCRAFT COULD
BE FUELED. THE AIRCRAFT COMMANDER UNDERTOOK TO SEND FOR
MONEY. AT SOME POINT GENERAL SINGSON, HEAD OF THE
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PHILIPPINE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION, CONVEYED
WORD FROM MANILA THAT HE (SINGSON) WOULD GUARANTEE
PAYMENT AND THAT THE AIRCRAFT SHOULD BE FUELED AND
ALLOWED TO DEPART. CLARK AUTHORITIES SAW NO REPEAT
NO WAY AROUND THE USAF REGULATION REQUIRING ON-THE-
SPOT CASH PAYMENT. GENERAL SINGSON BECAME UPSET
AND ORDERED MANILA AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL NOT REPEAT NOT

TO CLEAR ANY AIRCRAFT DEPARTURES FROM CLARK AB UNTIL THE PAL AIRCRAFT WAS AIRBORNE. THE MONEY ARRIVED ABOUT ONE HOUR AND 40 MINUTES LATER, THE PAL AIRCRAFT WAS FUELED AND, AFTER A 40-MINUTE DELAY BECAUSE OF A MINOR MECHANICAL PROBLEM, THE AIRCRAFT DEPARTED. THE FLIGHT RESTRICTION ON CLARK WAS LIFTED WHEN THE PAL AIRCRAFT WAS AIRBORNE.

3. REFTEL (BEING REPEATED) REPORTS IN DETAIL ON THIS INCIDENT AND RAISES THE POSSIBILITY OF WORKING OUT A CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH PAL WHICH WOULD PERMIT PAL AIRCREWS TO PURCHASE FUEL IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. WE SEE CLEAR MERIT IN SUCH AN AGREEMENT TO PREVENT ANY REOCCURRENCES OF THIS UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT. TOUSSAINT

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